

**Tiverton Open Space Commission
Minutes of May 17, 2010 meeting
Town Hall, Highland Road**

Present: Ginger Lacy (co-chair), Brian Janes (co-chair), Phil Schuyler, Dick Bixby, Martin van Hof, Martha Moore, Susan Anderson, Garry Plunkett

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Minutes of March 15, 2010 and April 19, 2010 were reviewed and accepted.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. It was noted that the Treasurer had not yet paid the RIDEM annual repayment as requested. The cost of the end of the year clean up and supplies was discussed. MOTION: To move \$2000.00 from the Pocassetlands Stewardship account to the RI Foundation Pocassetlands Stewardship Fund. Passed: unanimously.
- Plunkett collected volunteer hours for the log.
- The meeting with the Tiverton Land Trust, re: RI Foundation Pocassetlands Stewardship Fund was reported by Plunkett. Decision by the Land Trust is pending.
- The Birds of Weetamoo poster sales have realized \$637.00 net. Posters will be made available for sale at the Friends of Tiverton Libraries Street Fair at the Middle School, June 5th.

TRAILS & HABITAT

Ft. Barton:

- Schuyler reported that bridge repairs on three bridges are scheduled for next Tuesday. The possibility of realigning the broken bridge (#7) was discussed. The area near the observation tower that was burned over is beginning to grow in. Action to eradicate the Phragmites in the biggest vernal pool will be done in the fall. There was discussion of a project to thin the trees on the west side of Fort Barton (above Highland Avenue). It was decided that more research needs to be done. Plunkett will look into the details.

- April Lane Right of Way (ROW): Plunkett reported that the project was scheduled for later in the week, with the assistance of the Tiverton Rod and Gun Club.

Weetamoo Woods:

- Plunkett reported that periodic mowing of the East Road parking lot, Eight Rod Way, and the Meadow Trail has been arranged with Josh Lebreux. LJ Sylvia will do the meadow habitat improvement project this summer.

EDUCATION & GRANTS

- Susan reported that in June students from Ranger School, Fort Barton School and Pocasset School are to be taken on the annual Weetamoo walk.
- The RWU Community Work Day will occur on Monday, August 30, 2010. The two TOSC projects will be staining the observation tower in Fort Barton and trail work in Weetamoo Woods.

PROPERTIES REVIEW

- No discussion

Meeting Adjourned at 8:39 PM. The next meeting will be Monday, June 21, 2010 at Essex Library.

Submitted by Phil Schuyler